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In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, the following information is brought to the Examiner's attention.

The following six documents were cited in an International Search Report recently issued by the European Patent Office in connection with a corresponding foreign application. A copy of the International Search Report is enclosed.

- U.S. Patent No. 3,915,155.
- U.S. Patent No. 3,985,133.
- U.S. Patent No. 4,829,448.
- U.S. Patent No. 5,537,853.
- U.S. Patent No. 6,099,492.

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Disclosure Statement was cited for the first time in a communication from any foreign

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filing of this Information Disclosure Statement.

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above-noted documents are cited on the attached form PTO-1449 and copies of the

documents are enclosed.

The Examiner is respectfully requested to consider the foregoing information and to

acknowledge such consideration by initialling, signing and returning the enclosed additional

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